

V. REMARKS

Applicants express their appreciation for the Examiner's courtesies and helpful comments extended to Applicants' representative during a telephone conference on March 28, 2006, regarding the Article 34 Amendment. The points raised during the telephone conference are incorporated into this Amendment.

Claims 6-9 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 (c) as being any improper form. The claims are canceled and therefore the rejection as applied thereto is now moot. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The claim is canceled and therefore the rejection as applied thereto is now moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Masatake. The claims are canceled and therefore the rejection as applied thereto is now moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Shitaya et al. The claim is canceled and therefore the rejection as applied thereto is now moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 3/1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over in view of Masatake in view of Kato et al. The claim is canceled and therefore the rejection as applied thereto is now moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that newly-added claims 10-13 include features not shown in the applied art. Newly-added claim 10 includes the features of original claims 1, 6 and 9. Claim 11 corresponds to original claim 4, now canceled. Claim 12 corresponds to original claim 5, now canceled. Claim 13 corresponds to original claims 7 and 8, now canceled.

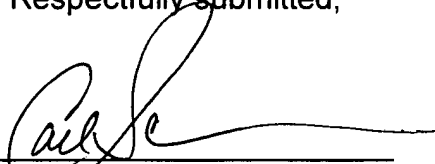
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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